

# PRACTICAL TIPS AND QUESTIONS FOR A STRONG START

QUESTION	ANSWER
<b>What is the 2023-2024 year verse?</b>	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9
<b>How does student drop off and pick up work?</b>	<p>Our campus has a new, one-way traffic pattern during this season of construction: all traffic must enter campus only from Hawthorne and all traffic must exit only onto Prince Crossing. We encourage you to allow yourself 10 extra minutes when navigating campus during arrival and drop off.</p> <p>Please follow the signs on campus for designated drop off zones on campus. More information about construction can be found on the FAMILIES website.</p> <p>Student drivers who have purchased a parking permit will be permitted to park in their assigned spots in the West and North Lot.</p>
<b>Where can my student study before or after school?</b>	<p>Hours students can be in the building: 6:45 AM-5:00 PM. Student IDs are activated during this time.</p> <p>Students are welcome to study in common spaces like the Atrium, Senior Lounge, or classrooms when teachers are present.</p>
<b>What supplies should students bring on the first day of school?</b>	<p>We do not have a supply list for students—teachers will let students know of things students may need during the first week of school. In the meantime, we suggest this list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dell Latitude and charger (Make sure it is charged every night)</li> <li>2. Basic School supplies (pencils, pens, folder, notebook)</li> <li>3. Backpacks</li> <li>4. School ID</li> <li>5. Class Schedule</li> <li>6. Books</li> <li>7. Athletic clothes if your student is enrolled in a P.E. class</li> </ol>
<b>How do I find my student's schedule?</b>	<p>To find your student's class schedule online:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Login to <a href="#">OnCampus</a> with your parent account.</li> <li>2. In the top left corner, use the dropdown menu to select your student.</li> <li>3. On the main page, the progress tab should be automatically selected. Scroll down and the classes for your student will be listed below in alphabetical order, not period order.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the top of your schedule, you can toggle between semesters.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>If schedule says, “Contact Student Services,” do so immediately.</p>
<b>When is the first day of school?</b>	<p>Tuesday, August 22 at 8 AM</p> <p><b>See the first week of school bell schedule for Aug. 22-25 and the yearly bell schedule in your folder.</b></p>

<p>Where do I find the <b>lunch menu</b>?</p>	<p>You can find the weekly lunch menu on the Wheaton Academy FAMILIES website: <b>families.wheatonacademy.org/lunchmenu</b>. A school lunch can be purchased daily through your student's PushCoin account, which is connected to your student's school ID. No pre-order necessary.</p>
<p>Anything I should know about my student <b>bringing their own lunch</b>?</p>	<p>Students are welcome to pack a lunch every day.</p>
<p>What is the <b>allergy policy</b>?</p>	<p>Be mindful of others' allergies: We are a nut-awareness campus. Nuts cannot be eaten anywhere except at the designated tables during lunch time.</p>
<p>What is <b>Off-Campus Lunch</b>?</p>	<p>Off-campus lunch is a junior and senior privilege only. Students can go to restaurants or homes during this time. See page 50 in the Parent and Student Handbook for more information.</p> <p>When students are off campus, be mindful of time and the bell schedule.</p>
<p>What is the <b>dress code</b>?</p>	<p>Goal: Professional! No hats, hoods, torn or ripped jeans, leggings, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shorts: Inseam of 7 inches</li> <li>• No holes in clothing or undergarments showing.</li> <li>• No unnatural hair color or visible tattoos.</li> <li>• No designs or slogans that are unprofessional or provocative.</li> <li>• Girls: No shoulders showing AND dresses to the knee.</li> <li>• Boys: Keep a shirt on at all times.</li> </ul> <p>More information can be found in the <b>Parent Student Handbook starting on page 23-24</b>.</p> <p>Students will be asked to change if they are out of dress code and receive a consequence.</p>
<p>What should I do if my student is going to be <b>absent</b> from school?</p>	<p>Parents, call the attendance line (630-562-7500 x1) to excuse an absence.</p> <p>If students know they are going to miss a day of school, encourage them to talk to their teachers and get any work they might miss. They could also check OnCampus for missing work if teachers post assignments there.</p> <p><b>If Wheaton Academy has not heard from a parent or guardian within 24 hours of the student's absence, he/she will be marked as unexcused and will receive a consequence.</b></p>
<p>What if students are going to be <b>late to class</b>?</p>	<p>If students are tardy from class to class because they are just running late, head straight to class. If they are running late to school, students must first sign in at the Front Office when they arrive at campus. Then, head to class.</p> <p>If students are late for school because of an appointment, make sure you as parents call (630-562-7500 x1) to tell us about this appointment. Then, students need to sign in at the Front Office when they arrive to campus to get a pass.</p> <p>If students are late due to an interaction with a staff member, they can ask for a pass and the tardy will be excused.</p> <p>Students get 5 "tardies" to the 1<sup>st</sup> period class; they get 3 "tardies" to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> period classes. Anything over these "tardies" will result in consequence.</p>

Is campus <b>secure</b> ?	Doors are locked at all times. Visitors are asked to always sign in at the front office. We have necessary surveillance on campus and a great relationship with the local law enforcement and health providers.
Does my student have a <b>locker</b> ?	<p>All students have access to lockers and athletic lockers, and we encourage students to lock up belongings in these places.</p> <p>Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior students are assigned a school locker. The number and combination can be found on their printed class schedule or on the OnCampus contact card, under General Information. Senior students can pick their locker on the first day of school.</p> <p>Athletic lockers will be assigned in P.E. classes or through their athletic coach. Please encourage students to bring home clothes to wash every once in awhile ☺</p>
What is a <b>school ID</b> ?	The student ID is good for the entire time at Wheaton Academy. It gives students access to buildings and the ability to purchase lunches.
Where do I get my <b>school ID</b> ?	School IDs will be distributed to students before Summer Academy, Freshman LAUNCH, Transfer Orientation, or at the front office on the first day of school.
What if I <b>lose my student ID</b> ?	The cost of a replacement ID is \$25. Request a replacement ID by filling out the form located on the FAMILIES website page. Please ensure your student communicates with the Front Office if their ID is lost or stolen <i>immediately</i> .
How does Wheaton Academy <b>communicate</b> with me?	<p><b>Common ways parent receive communication:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email: all faculty/staff emails are first initial last name@wheatonacademy.org (i.e. Erin Carwell’s email is <a href="mailto:ecarwell@wheatonacademy.org">ecarwell@wheatonacademy.org</a>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAweekly</li> <li>○ OnCampus</li> <li>○ FAMILIES website: <a href="http://families.wheatonacademy.org">families.wheatonacademy.org</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Common ways students communicate with teachers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with teacher</li> <li>• Email (WAlearner is your student’s Microsoft-based email)</li> <li>• OnCampus message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you hear, “Message your teacher,” we are referring to OnCampus messages.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
What if my student <b>doesn’t know where to go the 1st day of school</b> ?	<p>Students can find their schedules on their OnCampus accounts. Once they log-in, the Progress page should automatically load, and their courses and locations are listed below.</p> <p>Additionally, students’ first period classes will be posted in the hallway on the first day of school. Then, their first period teacher can help them.</p>
What if my student <b>has technology questions</b> ?	The IT office is happy to support your student. Their office is located on the second level of the Academic Building. Bob Vishanoff ( <a href="mailto:bvishanoff@wheatonacademy.org">bvishanoff@wheatonacademy.org</a> ) and Jacques Bowker ( <a href="mailto:jbowker@wheatonacademy.org">jbowker@wheatonacademy.org</a> ) are ready to help.

<p>When can my student use the <b>Weight room</b>?</p>	<p>The weight room is available for students under the supervision of a faculty member or coach at their designated times. They will be in communication with your student.</p>
<p>What if my student wants to park on campus—how do they get a <b>Parking Permit</b>?</p>	<p>Applications for student parking permits are available on the FAMILIES website page. Once you have filled out the link for a student parking permit, students can stop by Mr. Ellison's office in Student Services to process your payment on PushCoin. Please be aware that the parking fee of \$75 must be submitted and the student's driver's license must be shown to Mr. Ellison to be issued a parking permit.</p> <p>Your student will be assigned a designated parking space once the car is registered and a permit is purchased. This space will be their parking assignment for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>
<p>When will students get notified of opportunities to be involved in <b>co-curriculars</b>?</p>	<p>There are many ways to stay informed on Co-Curricular Activities!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Community Time!</b> Community Time is every Wednesday. During this time, your student will hear about upcoming events and various other announcements that will keep your student informed about Wheaton Academy.</li> <li>2. <b>Your messages in OnCampus!</b> Teachers and Sponsors will be putting all announcements into OnCampus so be sure your students check the messages every day!</li> <li>3. The FAMILIES website page: <b>families.wheatonacademy.org</b></li> <li>4. Athletics Website: <b>athletics.wheatonacademy.org</b></li> <li>5. Calendar Page: <b>families.wheatonacademy.org/calendar</b></li> <li>6. Co-Curricular list: <b><a href="https://wheatonacademy.org/student-life/">https://wheatonacademy.org/student-life/</a></b></li> </ol>
<p>What is <b>Winterim</b>? How does my student sign up?</p>	<p>Winterim is a two-week program in between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. There are three options you can pursue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes (Registration for classes in November)</li> <li>• Internships (Apply for internships in September-October)</li> <li>• Trips (Apply for available trips soon for Winterim 2024)</li> </ul> <p>Your student will find out more information in Advisory this fall.</p>
<p>Are there any <b>additional orientation</b> options?</p>	<p>Yes! Please see the dates below and visit the back-to-school page for details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer Orientation: August 18</li> <li>• Freshman Launch: August 21</li> <li>• Connect Retreats: August 23</li> </ul>